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## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

## FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

CRISTIAN FRANCISCO SALGADO-SALGADO,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 06-71930

Agency No. A079-149-917

MEMORANDUM\*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted April 13, 2009\*\*

Before: GRABER, GOULD, and BEA, Circuit Judges.

Cristian Francisco Salgado-Salgado, a native and citizen of Nicaragua, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's ("IJ") decision denying his application for

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<sup>\*</sup> This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture ("CAT"). We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence, *Singh-Kaur v. INS*, 183 F.3d 1147, 1149 (9th Cir. 1999), and we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the IJ's adverse credibility determination because Salgado-Salgado testified inconsistently about the time periods of his military service and the existence of threatening letters that are central to his claim. See Wang v. INS, 352 F.3d 1250, 1257-58 (9th Cir. 2003). Because the record does not compel the conclusion that Salgado-Salgado's testimony was credible, he has not established eligibility for asylum. See Singh-Kaur, 183 F.3d at 1153.

Furthermore, because Salgado-Salgado failed to demonstrate eligibility for asylum, it follows that he did not satisfy the more stringent standard for withholding of removal. *See Farah v. Ashcroft*, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9th Cir. 2003).

Because Salgado-Salgado's CAT claim is based on the same testimony the IJ found to be not credible, and Salgado-Salgado points to no other evidence the IJ should have considered, he has failed to establish eligibility for CAT relief. *See id.* at 1157.

## PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.